

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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BUDGET RESOLUTION/Tax Relief & Debt Cuts With Any Additional Surplus

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 2000-2009 . . . S.Con. Res. 20. Domenici motion to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the Crapo/Grams amendment No. 163.

ACTION: MOTION REJECTED, 42-57

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S.Con. Res. 20, the Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 2000-2009: will cut the debt held by the public (money that the Federal Government owes to creditors other than itself) in half over 10 years; will fully fund Medicare (all of the President's proposed \$9 billion in Medicare cuts were rejected; as a result, this budget will allow \$20.4 billion more in Medicare spending over the next 10 years); will save the entire \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surpluses over the next 10 years for Social Security; will provide for \$778 billion in net tax relief over the next 10 years (in contrast, the President's budget would increase the tax burden by \$96 billion net over 10 years), and will adhere to the spending restraints (discretionary spending caps and pay-go provisions) of the bipartisan budget agreement as enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Taxpayer Reform Act of 1997 (the President's proposed budget, in contrast, would dramatically increase spending in violation of that bipartisan agreement, and would result in \$2.2 trillion more in total Federal debt at the end of 10 years than proposed in this Senate budget).

The Crapo/Grams amendment would create a new "lockbox" point of order against using any on-budget surpluses in excess of the on-budget surpluses currently predicted for anything other than tax relief or debt reduction. It would take a three-fifths majority vote to waive that point of order.

After debate, Senator Lautenberg raised a point of order that the amendment violated section 305(b)(2) (the germaneness requirement) of the Budget Act. Senator Domenici then moved to waive the Budget Act for the consideration of the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to waive favored the amendment; those opposing the motion to waive opposed the amendment.

NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote is required to waive the Budget Act. After the vote, the point of order was upheld and the amendment thus fell.

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YEAS (42)			NAYS (57)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans (42 or 78%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)		Republicans (12 or 22%)	Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (1)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hatch		Bond	Akaka	Kennedy	McCain- ²	
Allard	Helms		Chafee	Baucus	Kerrey		
Ashcroft	Hutchinson		Collins	Bayh	Kerry		
Bennett	Hutchison		Domenici	Biden	Kohl		
Brownback	Inhofe		Gorton	Bingaman	Landrieu		
Bunning	Kyl		Jeffords	Boxer	Lautenberg		
Burns	Lott		Lugar	Breaux	Leahy		
Campbell	Mack		Roberts	Bryan	Levin		
Cochran	McConnell		Smith, Gordon	Byrd	Lieberman		
Coverdell	Murkowski		Snowe	Cleland	Lincoln		
Craig	Nickles		Specter	Conrad	Mikulski		
Crapo	Roth		Stevens	Daschle	Moynihan		
DeWine	Santorum			Dodd	Murray		
Enzi	Sessions			Dorgan	Reed		
Fitzgerald	Shelby			Durbin	Reid		
Frist	Smith, Bob			Edwards	Robb		
Gramm	Thomas			Feingold	Rockefeller		
Grams	Thompson			Feinstein	Sarbanes		
Grassley	Thurmond			Graham	Schumer		
Gregg	Voinovich			Harkin	Torricelli		
Hagel	Warner			Hollings	Wellstone		
				Inouye	Wyden		
				Johnson			

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

Those favoring the motion to waive contended: